

RESOLUTION NO. 107-14

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RICHMOND TO JOIN THE CALIFORNIAFIRST PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FROM PROPERTY OWNERS, CONDUCT CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENT PROCEEDINGS AND LEVY CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE INCORPORATED TERRITORY OF THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING RELATED ACTIONS

WHEREAS, the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (“California Communities”) is a joint exercise of powers authority the members of which include numerous cities and counties in the State of California, including the City of Richmond (the “City”); and

WHEREAS, California Communities has established the CaliforniaFIRST program (the “CaliforniaFIRST Program”) and will provide financing for certain improvements authorized by Chapter 29 of Division 7 of the Streets & Highways Code (“Chapter 29”), including, but not limited to, renewable energy, energy efficiency and water efficiency improvements and seismic strengthening improvements (the “Improvements”) through the levy of contractual assessments pursuant to Chapter 29 of Division 7 of the Streets & Highways Code (“Chapter 29”) and the issuance of improvement bonds (the “Bonds”) under the Improvement Bond Act of 1915 (Streets and Highways Code Sections 8500 and following) (the “1915 Act”) upon the security of the unpaid contractual assessments; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 29 provides that assessments may be levied under its provisions only with the free and willing consent of the owner of each lot or parcel on which an assessment is levied at the time the assessment is levied; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to allow the owners of property (“Participating Property Owners”) within the incorporated territory of the City to participate in the CaliforniaFIRST Program and to allow California Communities to conduct assessment proceedings under Chapter 29 within the incorporated territory of the City and to issue Bonds under the 1915 Act to finance the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, California Communities will conduct assessment proceedings under Chapter 29 and issue Bonds under the 1915 Act to finance Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City will not be responsible for the conduct of any assessment proceedings; the levy or collection of assessments or any required remedial action in the case of delinquencies in such assessment payments; or the issuance, sale or administration of the Bonds or any other bonds issued in connection with the CaliforniaFIRST Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Richmond as follows:

Section 1. This City Council hereby finds and declares that properties in the City’s incorporated area will benefit from the availability of the CaliforniaFIRST Program within the incorporated territory of the City and, pursuant thereto, the conduct of special assessment proceedings by California Communities pursuant to Chapter 29 and the issuance of Bonds under the 1915 Act.

Section 2. In connection with the CaliforniaFIRST Program, the City hereby consents to the conduct of special assessment proceedings by California Communities pursuant to Chapter 29 on any property within its jurisdiction and the issuance of Bonds under the 1915 Act; provided, that

- (1) The Participating Property Owners, who shall be the legal owners of such property, execute a contract pursuant to Chapter 29 and comply with other applicable provisions of California law in order to accomplish the valid levy of assessments; and

(2) The City will not be responsible for the conduct of any assessment proceedings; the levy or collection of assessments or any required remedial action in the case of delinquencies in such assessment payments; or the issuance, sale or administration of the Bonds or any other bonds issued in connection with the CaliforniaFIRST Program.

(3) The issuance of Bonds will occur following receipt of a final judgment in a validation action filed by California Communities pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 860 that the Bonds are legal obligations of California Communities.

Section 3. Pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 29, California Communities has prepared and will update from time to time the “Program Report” for the CaliforniaFIRST Program (the “Program Report”), and California Communities will undertake assessment proceedings and the financing of Improvements as set forth in the Program Report.

Section 4. The appropriate officials and staff of the City are hereby authorized and directed to make applications for the CaliforniaFIRST program available to all property owners who wish to finance Improvements; provided, that California Communities shall be responsible for providing such applications and related materials at its own expense. The following staff persons, together with any other staff persons chosen by the City Manager from time to time, are hereby designated as the contact persons for California Communities in connection with the CaliforniaFIRST Program: Environmental Manager

Section 5. The appropriate officials and staff of the City are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such closing certificates, requisitions, indemnification and insurance agreements and related documents as are reasonably required by California Communities in accordance with the Program Report to implement the CaliforniaFIRST Program for Participating Property Owners.

Section 6. The City Council hereby finds that adoption of this Resolution is not a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act, because the Resolution does not involve any commitment to a specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, as contemplated by Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15378(b)(4)).

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and execution of the Indemnification and Insurance Agreement. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Secretary of California Communities upon execution of the Indemnification and Insurance Agreement.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held on December 16, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Boozé, Butt, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Beckles and Mayor McLaughlin.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

DIANE HOLMES
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

(SEAL)

Approved:

GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to form:

BRUCE GOODMILLER
City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa } : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 107-14**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on December 16, 2014.

INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE AGREEMENT

**BY AND BETWEEN
CITY OF RICHMOND
AND
RENEWABLE FUNDING, LLC**

This Indemnification and Insurance Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into by and between the City of Richmond a municipal corporation ("City") and Renewable Funding, LLC, a California limited liability company (the "Administrator"), the administrator of the CaliforniaFIRST Program, which is a program of the California Statewide Communities Development Authority, a California joint exercise of powers authority (the "Authority").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Authority is a joint exercise of powers authority whose members of which include the City in addition to other cities and counties in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the Authority established the CaliforniaFIRST Program ("PACE Program") to allow the financing of certain renewable energy, energy efficiency and water efficiency improvements that are permanently affixed to real property through the levy of assessments voluntarily agreed to by the participating property owners pursuant to Chapter 29 of Division 7 of the Streets and Highways Code ("Chapter 29") and the issuance of improvement bonds under the Improvement Bond Act of 1915 upon the security of the unpaid assessments; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has conducted or will conduct proceedings required by Chapter 29 with respect to the territory within the boundaries of the City; and

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2010, the City Council of the City of Richmond adopted a resolution authorizing the City to join the PACE Program, authorizing the Authority to accept applications from eligible property owners, conduct assessment proceedings and levy assessments within the territory of the City and authorizing related actions; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is solely responsible for the formation, operation and administration of the PACE Program as well as the sale and issuance of any bonds in connection therewith, including the conduct of assessment proceedings, the levy and collection of assessments and any remedial action in the case of such assessment payments, and the offer, sale and administration of any bonds issued by the Authority on behalf of the PACE Program; and

WHEREAS, the Administrator is the administrator of the PACE Program and agrees to indemnify the City and provide insurance and add the City as an additional insured on its insurance policy or policies in connection with the operations of the PACE Program as set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises and of the City's agreement to join the PACE Program, the parties agree as follows:

1. Agreement to Indemnify. The Administrator agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, elected or appointed officials, employees, agents and volunteers from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, expenses, fines, penalties, judgments, demands and defense costs (including, without limitation, actual, direct, out-of-pocket costs and expenses and amounts paid in compromise or settlement and reasonable outside legal fees arising from litigation of every nature or liability of any kind or nature including civil, criminal, administrative or investigative) arising out of or in connection with the PACE Program except such loss or damage which was caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the City. The Administrator will conduct all defenses at its sole cost and expense and the City shall reasonably approve selection of the Administrator's counsel. This indemnity shall apply to all claims and liability regardless of whether any insurance policies of the Administrator, its affiliates or any other parties are applicable thereto. The policy limits of any insurance of the Administrator, its affiliates or other parties are not a limitation upon the obligation of the Administrator including without limitation the amount of indemnification to be provided by the Administrator.

2. Insurance. The Administrator agrees that, at no cost or expense to the City, at all times during the operation of the PACE Program, to maintain the insurance coverage set forth in Exhibit A to this Agreement.

3. Amendment/Interpretation of this Agreement. . This Agreement, including all Exhibits attached hereto, represents the entire understanding of the parties as to those matters contained herein. No prior oral or written understanding shall be of any force or effect with respect to those matters covered hereunder. No supplement, modification or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing by both of the parties hereto. This Agreement shall not be interpreted for or against any party by reason of the fact that such party may have drafted this Agreement or any of its provisions.

4. Section Headings. Section headings in this Agreement are included for convenience of reference only and shall not constitute a part of this Agreement for any other purpose.

5. Waiver. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be binding unless in the form of a writing signed by the party against whom enforcement is sought, and no such waiver shall operate as a waiver of any other provisions hereof (whether or not similar), nor shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver. Except as specifically provided herein, no failure to exercise or any delay in exercising any right or remedy hereunder shall constitute a waiver thereof.

6. Severability and Governing Law. If any provision or portion thereof of this Agreement shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or otherwise unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California applicable to contracts made and to be performed in California.

7. Notices. All notices, demands and other communications required or permitted hereunder shall be made in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered by hand, against receipt, or mailed certified or registered mail and addressed as follows:

If to the Administrator

Renewable Funding, LLC
500 12th Street, #300
Oakland, CA 94607

If to the City:

City of Richmond
450 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804
ATTN: Environmental Manager

8. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, which together shall constitute the same instrument.

9. Effective Date. This Agreement will be effective as of the date of the signature of City's representative as indicated below in the City's signature block.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the parties hereto duly executed this Agreement as of the date below.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



BRUCE GOODMILLER
CITY ATTORNEY

"City"

City of Richmond, a municipal
corporation

By  _____

Date: 11/4/14 _____

"Administrator"

Renewable Funding, LLC

By  _____

Name: Francisco DeVries
Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: 12/22/14 _____

EXHIBIT A

INSURANCE

A. Minimum Scope of Insurance

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. The coverage provided by Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability coverage (“occurrence”) Form Number CG 0001; and
2. The coverage provided by Insurance Services Office Form Number CA 0001 covering Automobile Liability. Coverage shall be included for all owned, non-owned and hired automobiles; and
3. Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the California Labor Code and Employers Liability insurance; and
4. Professional Liability Errors & Omissions for all professional services.

There shall be no endorsement reducing the scope of coverage required above unless approved by the City's Risk Manager.

B. Minimum Limits of Insurance

Administrator shall maintain limits no less than:

1. Commercial General Liability: \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. If Commercial Liability Insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit; and
2. Automobile Liability: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage; and
3. Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability: Workers' Compensation limits as required by the California Labor Code and Employers Liability limits of \$1,000,000 per accident; and
4. Professional Liability Errors & Omissions \$1,000,000 per occurrence/ aggregate limit.

C. Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to, and approved by City's Risk Manager. At the option of City, either: the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects City, its officers, employees, agents and contractors; or Administrator shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses in an amount specified by the City's Risk Manager.

D. Other Insurance Provisions

The policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages
 - a. City of Richmond, its officers, employees, agents and contractors are to be covered as additional insureds as respects: Liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of, Administrator; products and completed operations of Administrator; premises owned, leased or used by Administrator; and automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by Administrator. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to City, its officers, employees, agents and contractors.
 - b. Administrator's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects City, its officers, employees, agents and contractors. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by City, its officers, employees, agents or contractors shall be excess of Administrator's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
 - c. Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies by Administrator shall not affect coverage provided City, its officers, employees, agents, or contractors.
 - d. Coverage shall state that Administrator's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.
 - e. Coverage shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of the City, its officers, employees, agents and contractors.
2. Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability

Coverage shall contain waiver of subrogation in favor of City of Richmond, its officers, employees, agents and contractors.

3. All Coverages

Each insurance policy required by this AGREEMENT shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, cancelled, or reduced in limits except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice has been given to City, except that ten (10) days' prior written notice shall apply in the event of cancellation for nonpayment of premium.

E. Acceptability of Insurers

Insurance is to be placed with insurers acceptable to City's Risk Manager.

F. Verification of Coverage

Administrator shall furnish City with certificates of insurance and with original endorsements affecting coverage required by this AGREEMENT. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf.

Proof of insurance shall be either emailed in pdf format to: adam_lenz@ci.richmond.ca.us, and mailed to the following postal address or any subsequent address as may be directed in writing by the Risk Manager:

City of Richmond
450 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804
ATTN: Environmental Manager

G. Subcontractors

Administrator shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies or shall obtain separate certificates and endorsements for each subcontractor.